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## A Thought.

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I am sitting alone and weary  
In my room on this wintry night,  
While a thought keeps coming to me  
And my soul wells up in its might;  
'Tis a thought transcendent important  
That constantly enters my mind,  
For I,m thinking of eighty boys  
Whom I daily around me find.

I am thinking of what in the future  
These eighty boys shall be,  
And I feel that some among them  
Great honor and fame shall see,  
And others, not a bit less noble,  
A simple life shall lead,  
Unknown to the masses of people  
Reflecting a beautiful creed.

And some, in their manhood's flower,  
The Reaper shall bear away,  
And silently in the church yard

M.

Shall rear a mound of clay,  
And then,—I am filled with sadness  
For I fear that after all,  
In the future, along the wayside,  
A few shall forever fall.

For I fear that a few of these eighty  
In their journeyings to and fro  
Sometime, in the future, forgetting,  
Shall downward to ruin go.  
Let them pause in their course however,  
In their course so wild and mad,  
And consider that in their so doing  
They have made my heart to be sad.



## Mock Trial.

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BY L. N. MILLS AND A. E. MELLON.

The Franklin Literary Society, at its last meeting before the holidays, was the scene of a mock trial which proved to be one of the most interesting and entertaining literary events of the fall term. Two sons of the most prominent judges of the State were represented at this trial. One of whom R. W. Winston, Jr., presided as judge, while the other A. W. Graham, Jr., was foreman of the jury, H. M. Stubbs acted as District Attorney. A. E. Mellon and I. M. Boykin were lawyers for the defense, while H. P. Taylor and A. B. Nimocks appeared as lawyers for the State. The case was State vs. Dunlap for assault with deadly weapon on O. V. Jones. A. R. Phillips was the first witness put on the stand for the defense. He described to the court in thrilling words the scene of the assault. A number of other witnesses were put on for the defense, each giving an interesting account of the case. Mr. Mellon opened for the defense with an exciting plea for the defendant. Many fine points were brought out by the other attorneys in behalf of the defense. Mr. Nimocks appeared for the State with a very interesting address.

V. E. Reinhardt, first witness for the State proved to be a very important witness. Other witnesses for the State were put on the stand. Each giving valuable information for the State. The case attracted much attention, and every member of the society was present. Those who did not take part proved to be interested spectators. The jury was out for ten minutes, returning with the verdict, "not guilty."



## An Exciting Morning.

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BY A. E. MELLON.

We were awakened before dawn on a cool, crisp morning in March by Capt. Bob, a jolly old fisherman who was to be our guide.

We had breakfast and started on our tramp to the opposite side of the island where we were to take a boat out to the pass.

Capt. Bob was there ahead of us wading in the cool waters of the Gulf in search of what was to be our bait for the King of Fish, the Tarpon.

We had heard much of this wonderful fish but we had never seen one and more still we had never caught one. It had always been my desire to catch a Tarpon. We set sail in a catboat towing a small skiff from which we were to fish. At last we arrived at that part of the pass where Capt Bob said the Tarpon would be running when the tide turned in.

We anchored the catboat and got in the skiff. Capt. Bob rowed down the pass about a quarter of a mile as he said the fishing was better down farther. We had fished about an hour or so when my friend felt a hard jerk on his line. Having never fished for big fish before he hardly knew what to do, but his reel began to hum and all he could do was to try to hold him. But alas! fisherman's luck, the biggest always gets away.

After making one beautiful leap into the air, the hook



was shaken out of his mouth and he was gone. My friend was very much discouraged but Capt. Bob had the greatest hope as he could see numerous large fins cutting the water in different parts of the pass. All of a sudden I was aware that there was "something doing" on my line, and almost before I could move I saw the beautiful form of a Tarpon leap into the air. Capt. Bob grabbed an oar and jumped to the stern of the skiff, while my friend sat in the middle, thus giving me plenty of room to play my "game." And game it surely was. Taking us down the pass, up and then down again, thinking every minute that the little skiff would be overturned but Capt. Bob would give the oar a peculiar twist and we would be going again. You land lubbers can never realize what sport is until you spend an hour with your reel buzzing and your line humming through the water like the wind. After a while I could begin to feel a little slackening on the line and I began to wind up. But! He was off again like a shot and gave us another ten minutes run around the pass. I felt the line slacken and again I started to wind him in. This time it was a wonderful leap into the air and he was off again this time.

Capt. Bob said that it was about time we were heading for the beach as the Tarpon was about played out. This was not a very easy matter pulling against 150 pounds of bone and muscle. At last the beach was reached and I reeled in slowly until I saw the big fish safely landed on the beach. Its gallant fight for life was over.

After the fish had been photographed and gazed on by many eyes, we carried it back to camp where we prepared him to ship north. I was almost ready to drop, but I was happy as my one desire had been fulfilled. The Tarpon is hanging in my room now, and every time I look at it I think of that day on the pass.

## School Days.

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BY H. M. STUBBS.

We come from homes we love very dear  
To spend a term at school,  
We work right hard for all the year,  
And end a language fool.

O'er Math and Latin and Greek we flow,  
And flunk, but nothing say,  
For tasks may come and tasks may go,  
But we are through in May.

We work by night and then by day,  
In class we raise a fuss  
The mighty work we do they say  
Is surely helping us.

But if we stop we lose our grasps,  
And then we fall away,  
Then stop we not, but brave the tasks  
They give us day by day.

And when we know that victory's ours,  
There's not a word we say,  
For days may come and days may go,  
But we are through in May.



## Criminal Court Proceedings.

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A very interesting mock trial of Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White came off in the Washington Literary Society Hall on the 17th inst. L. Lamb presided as Judge. J. W. Morris, District Attorney, E. A. Daniel, Assistant District Attorney. Roland Williams was at the helm of the defense, while Geo. W. Waring, stirred the soul not only of the jury, but even of the District Attorney.

Mr. Morris, opened for the prosecution with a very short address to the jury as to the few circumstances that warrant the taking of human life. Mr. Waring, with an

eloquence that far exceeded Delmas himself, drew the outline of the defense.

Mr. Daniel then dwelt upon some very important points in favor of the State. Mr. Williams with a soul-stirring tremor and fiery eloquence, challenged the State to prove that "Americana Dementia" was not justification enough for Thaw.

A number of speeches followed from the opposing sides with such enthusiasm and sharpness that it was pronounced the best exercise of debate we have yet had.

After the summing up by Mr. Williams and Mr. Morris, the Judge delivered his charge to the jury.

The jury was out seven minutes. The verdict was: "Murder in the first degree." Sentenced to be electrocuted.



## Happenings on the Hill.

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BY H. M. STUBBS.

Mrs. J. A. Mellon and Mrs. Frank Bently, of Tampa, Florida, spent ten days during Christmas with their sons. They spent the time very pleasantly and made many friends among the people of Oxford.

Cadet Lambeth is suffering from an attack of pneumonia. We hope he will be out soon.

Mrs. Larkin, a trained nurse from Henderson, N. C., is here attending Cadet Lambeth during his illness.

Among the new arrivals are Cadet Joyner and the Morgan brothers. We are glad to see so many new faces among us to begin the New Year.

We are sorry that some of the boys did not return after Christmas. Among them Cadet Yarboro will surely be missed, as he is a great favorite among the boys on account of his fine voice.

Cadet Wallace is suffering with a slight attack of the Grippe.

Cadet Joyner was suddenly called home on account of the death of his father. We extend our sympathies to him in his sad bereavement.

We were sorry to find on our return from the holidays that Major Tate would not return for thirty days, as he remained at home to recuperate.

Major Wiltshire, of Baltimore, formerly of V. M. I. is here to take the place of Major Tate while he is at home.

Prof. Noble has gone to the University of North Carolina to stand the Examination for the Rhodes Scholarship. We hope to see him win.

Three of the Cadets, Phillips Bently and Mellon remained at School during the holidays, but their longing for home was lessened by the arrival of their mothers a few days after the boys left.

All of the Cadets reported back in good time after the holidays, and work was resumed again in the same old routine.

All the boys reported an excellent time at home Christmas.



## Athletics.

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BY J.. W. MORRIS, JR.

While it has been the custom of our school to put a base-ball team on the diamond for quite a number of years, it is very doubtful that we will do so this season.

Our reasons are, chiefly that at present, local conditions are not favorable to this project. For instance, both companies will endeavor to put out a track team this spring, and as the success of the latter has great weight in the decisions of the winning company in May, more interest will be manifested in this direction than in base-ball. Our drilling also takes up much time that would otherwise be spent in base-ball practice.

Let it be clearly understood that the management of the school does not force these obstacles in our way, but we fear that base-ball would interfere with our preparation for the annual contest between the two companies, which we consider to be of far more importance.

Owing largely to excellent facilities for playing tennis, much enthusiasm has been shown lately in that sport. The Horner Tennis Association was organized, of which R. W. Winston was elected President, L. N. Mills, Vice-President, and Prof. T. C. Merchant, Secretary and Treasurer. We have quite a number of players in school, some of whom are very good.

Our track work which has been alluded to above, will commence as soon as the weather permits. Our school records in this class of athletics are very high, and all indications point to very successful results this spring.

## Editorial.

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Christmas has come and gone and most of the old boys have returned while there are some new ones to take the places of those who did not. Our vacation is over, and the sooner we realize it the better it will be for us. So, boys, let us get down to study and make the rest of this year as profitable as possible, for there are only five months before the long summer vacation, and surely we can hold out for that short time. But don't get scared. Study is not the only thing that is coming to us in those five months, because the weather will soon be good enough for us to play base-ball and tennis every afternoon. Then too, we shall soon be preparing for commencement; the companies will be drilling and the declaimers will be declaiming. There will be so much doing that June will be here before we know it, and then, hurrah for a good time in earnest!

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We want to apologize for the lateness of the magazine's first appearance after the holidays. It was intended that the Cadet should go to press the second week in January, but the fates seemed to be against us. First all the boys did not get in on time, and of course this threw things out a great deal, for no one could write amid the confusion and noise of trunks being rolled up and down the galleries, together with the tacking, sawing, and hammering, which might have done credit to a dozen carpenters, while each new arrival was doing his best to make his room attractive. But worst luck of all, three of the editors were on the sick list. Two of them however were soon up and able to do their work, while the third, I regret to say, is still down with pneumonia. The Cadet and everybody else will miss Mr. Lambeth's story this month; so if this issue does not come up to your expectations, please lay it to this cause, that he is not with us.



## Harts and Hum.

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L. LAMB.

A man often thinks he is teaching a girl how to kiss when she is taking a past graduate course.—Life.

(Cadet L.) “Well we have at this meal the representatives of two widely separated generations.”

(Prof. N.) “How is that.”

(Cadet L.) The hen we have been trying to eat was in all probability the great grandmother of this omelet.

Armstrong will hereafter pose as a rhinoceros in the Horner zoological orchestra, Bentley as king of beasts.

Mr. Fleetwood has shown his ability as a contralto singer.

Mr. Fenner has at last found a room-mate with whom he can stay. Austin can tell you who he is.

(Prof. N. on English class.) “What is a conjunction.”

(Phillips.) “A conjunction is something that connects or joins together.

(Prof. N.) “Can you give example.”

(Phillips., “Well, yes, wouldn't you call a preacher a conjunction?”

The girls think it pretty mean of the man that said the first talking machine was made out of a rib.

We all feel sure that Sergt. “Looney” will get through West Point on “those eyes.”

Morris, who is near sighted, and “Prof.” Barr Vance who is cross-eyed had a collision on the Campus.

(“Prof.” Barr Vance.) “Morris why don't you look where you are going?”

(Morris.) “Why in the deuce don't you go where you are looking.”

(Cadet M. who could not stand a shock.) “I wrote a

poem to be published by the magazine and I hear it has failed."

(Cadet L.) "Too bad but maybe they won't sue you for damages."

(Cadet W.) "Miss Mary, what is your favorite wild game?"

(Miss Mary) "Foot-ball, by all means."

(Prof. M. while ending up his speech) "If no one has anything else to say, let him forever hold his peace."

(Cadet Mellon) "Piece of what?"

(Prof. M.) "My, my, there are thirteen at the table."

(Cadet W.) "Don't let that worry you Professor. I will eat for two."

(Waring) "Colonel, don't punish us this time and we promise you we will begin all over again."

(Col.) "Umph, that's just what I'm afraid you'd do. Didn't expect you to confess it tho'."

Two very cadaverous-looking tramps clad in military school uniforms looking in at the window of a railway station where a telegraph operator sat at his key. "Say, pardner," one of them said in a very husky voice, "report a couple o' empties going to Richmond."

Flirting is said to be dangerous by some, was proved so the other day when a Seminary girl caught the sore eyes from a Horner Cadet.

State vs. Joshua for making blockade whiskey.

(Solicitor) "What is your name?"

"Joshua," was the prompt answer of the defendant.

(Solicitor) "Are you the Joshua who commanded the sun to stand still?"

(Joshua) "No sir, I am the Joshua that made the moon shine."

#### AN EXPENSIVE SMOKE.

All but three of us boys had left school for the holidays. My room-mate went home, but before leaving he promised



to send me a box of cigars of my favorite brand. All during the holidays I anxiously awaited my box of cigars. About three days after Christmas I received an express notice and I hurried around to present my card.

A sealed box was handed me for the sum of \$1.50 to pay express charges. I did not mind paying that amount so long as I had my cigars. A friend and I hurried up to the seclusion of my room anticipating a fine smoke. On opening the box we found a wad of paper, a lemon and a cigar stump.

I picked up my old French brier pipe and began smoking.  
—A. E. MELLON.

#### A SOUTH CAROLINA EPITAPH.

“My name—my country—what are they to thee?  
What—whether high or low my pedigree.  
Perhaps—I far surpassed all other men,  
Perhaps—I fell below them all—what then?  
Suffice it, stranger, that thou seest a *tomb*.  
Thou knowest its use—it hides—no matter whom.”

A railroad conductor in the Western part of the State in calling out the stations stuck his head in the door of a coach and cried out “Saw-yer.” A man about midway of the isle having just kissed the lady in the seat with him replied, much to the surprise of every one, “I don’t care if you did, she is my wife.”

#### ONE ON THE PREACHER.

The preacher was making his annual call, In the midst of the conversation the small son of the family came running in. His clothes were torn and one of his eyes was blackened.

“Bobby,” said the preacher, “you’ve been fighting again. Your clothes are all torn and you have a black eye. Fighting is very wicked. Come here and let me pray for you.”

“Aw, g’wan,” was the prompt retort; “go home and pray for your own kid. He’s got two black eyes.—Harper’s Weekly.

## A School They Call Oxford Seminary.

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There was a school they call Oxford Seminary.  
 There was a boy that passed along the street,  
 In front of the campus of the school they call  
     the Oxford Seminary.

There was a girl that sat on the campus,  
 Near the street in front of the school they call  
     the Oxford Seminary.

There was a smile on the face of the boy  
 As he walked along the street,  
 In front of the campus of the school they call  
     the Oxford Seminary.

There was a smile on the face of the girl  
 As she looked at the boy who walked along the street  
 In front of the campus of the school they call  
     the Oxford Seminary.

There was a frown on the face of the teacher  
 As she looked at the boy who smiled at the girl,  
 As she sat on the campus in front of the school they call  
     the Oxford Seminary.

There was a frown on the face of the girl  
 When she was removed from the honor roll,  
 Because she smiled at the boy as he walked along  
     the street

In front of the campus of the school they call  
     the Oxford Seminary.

[With apologies to the Alabama Brenau Journal.]



## Exchange Column.

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A. E. MELLON.

*The Messenger* from the Durham High School is always the first magazine on our exchange table. This little magazine is full of life and interest and does credit to any school

*The Winthrop College Journal* is an attractive monthly and we hope to see it often.

Other exchanges we have received are the *Alabama Brenau Journal*, the *Acorn*, the *Star of the Gulf*, the *St. Marys Muse* and the *Keydet* from V. M. I.



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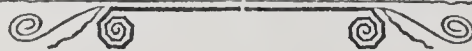


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2nd Sergeant .....	B. C. Toms.
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2nd Corporal .....	
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